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1925, when the following Debentures
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kong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration on WEDNESDAY, the
30th September, 1925, in exchange
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By Order,

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Hongkong, 8th Sept., 1925.
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Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNES-
DAY, the 16th SEPTEMBER,
1925, at 11.00 o'clock in the fore-
noon for the purpose of receiving
a Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the General Managers
for the 14 months ending 30th
June, 1925, and electing a Con-
sulting Committee and Auditors.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF
the Company will be CLOSED
from WEDNESDAY, 9th Septem-
ber, 1925, until WEDNESDAY,
16th September, 1925, both days
inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 7th September, 1925.

HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the Hongkong
Hockey Club will be held at
Volunteer Headquarters on
FRIDAY, the 11th of September,
1925, at 5.30 p.m. All members
and applicants for membership
are invited to attend.

P. W. F. MILLS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th September, 1925.

NOTICE.

BY ORDER of the District
Grand Master a meeting of
District Grand Lodge of Hong-
kong and South China, English
Constitution, will be held in the
Masonic Hall on WEDNESDAY,
the 16th September, 1925, for
9.15 p.m. precisely, to consider a
communication to the Grand
Master, His Royal Highness, The
Duke of Connaught.

All Master Masons are urged to
attend.
(Signed) A. T. HAMILTON,
Acting District Grand Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th September, 1925.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors
as following list of some of the
highest points on the Island and
mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
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Signal Station	1774
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SHINTOISM.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
LECTURE.

MR. D. O. DE SILVA'S REVIEW.

At the meeting of the Hong-
kong Lodge of the Theosophical
Society last evening, Mr. D. O. de
Silva gave an interesting lecture
on Shintoism.

Shinto, or Shintoism, the so-
called national religion of Japan,
with approximately 196,000
temples, or shrines, divided into
10 sects or branches counting 20
million or more adherents served
by 16,000 shrine attendants, dates
from the dawn of Japanese history
and is intimately associated
with the mythology of the race.

In the Shinto mythology, said
Mr. de Silva, the first pair of
creative beings were Izanagi and
Izanami. From them the gods of
the Shinto pantheon are descend-
ed. Amaterasu, the sun-goddess,
was their first child. Her brother,
Susano-o is one of the most promi-
nent of the Shinto gods, and is
the legendary father of the first
ruler of Izumo, (Okuni-nushi).
Shinto, literally "the way of the
gods, or spirits," is derived from
the Chinese Shin tao "shin," god,
or gods or spirit and "tao," way,
path, doctrine. When Chinese
literature was imported into
Japan the people adopted many
Chinese ideas, laws, customs, and
practices. These they so mixed
with their own that it became
necessary to adopt a special name
for the ancient native customs,
which were in consequence called
(in A.D. 552, says Murdoch)
Kami no michi, or Shinto, the
word michi being applied in the
same sense as tao; and kami be-
cause of their divine origin. It
successfully differentiated the
native religion from the imported,
the Butsuo, or "The Way of
Buddha."

"In the course of centuries this
cult (ancestor-worship, the
foundation of all civilised society)
has undergone modifications, and
has assumed various shapes; but
everywhere in Japan its funda-
mental character remains un-
changed. The three forms of the
Shinto worship of ancestors are
the Domestic Cult, the Com-
munal Cult, and the State Cult;
or, in other words, the worship of
family ancestors; of clan or tribal
ancestors; and of imperial ances-
tors. The first is the religion of
the home; the second, of the local
divinity, or tutelary god; the third,
the national religion. The family
cult is the first in the evolutionary
order, the others being later
developments."

Properly speaking, Shinto is
not a religion, since it has no
dogma, no ethical code, and no
sacred book. The absence of a
code of morals is accounted for
by the innate perfection of the
Japanese people, who, having
descended from the kami (gods),
have no evil inclinations, such as
Occidentals have, to overcome,
and whose manners and customs
need no reform. Since there is
no doctrinal system, the faith
does not concern itself about a
future state. The precepts of the
different sects, which differ only
in a few details of ceremony, are:

"Follow the impulse of your
nature and obey your Emperor."
Shintoism says one authority
aims at the happiness of earthly
life, and assumes that the souls
of the departed can essentially aid
in securing it. They are con-
ceived, therefore, to be present
and are summoned by those who
come to them, by clapping hands,
a bell, a drum, etc.

The Shinto gods are by no means
the pure an exalted beings which
Buddhism presents to us—no saints
through the overcoming of sensuous
pleasures—but affected by all human
feelings and weaknesses, and taking
pleasure in everything that adds en-
joyment, and amusement to exist-
ence. Accordingly their worshippers
seek to delight them on their
festivals, not only with meat and
drink, but also by theatrical pro-
cessions, pantomimes, and so on,
and do not think it objectionable
that streets leading to certain of
their shrines contain houses de-
dicated to the worship of Aphrodite.
Of the servants of the kami, purity
of the body is required rather than
purity of the heart. The Shinto
Kannushi do not shave their heads,
as the Buddhist bonzes do, and only
wear special dress when exercising
their office. They neither practice
celibacy nor have monasteries.
Shinto worship has an elaborate
ritual and numerous rules as to
purification. From the earliest
period the cult exacted scrupulous
cleanliness—indeed, we might say
it regarded physical impurity as
identical with moral impurity, and
intolerable to the gods. It has
always been a religion of ablutions.
The Japanese love of cleanliness has
been maintained, and was probably
initiated, by their religion. The
most important of all Shinto cere-
monies is the ceremony of purifica-
tion, harai, as it is called, or the
casting out of evil.

All the deities confer property
on their worshippers, and bestow
literary talents, endow the pious
with wealth, and so on.
Besides temples to deities presid-
ing over industries and agriculture,
or deities especially invoked by

RAN AMOK.

CHINESE ATTACKS
EUROPEANS.

REPULSE BAY INCIDENT.

A Tientsin Chinese "boy" occa-
sioned much excitement at
Repulse Bay Hotel on Tuesday
afternoon by running amok with
a pair of scissors and injuring his
employers, Mr. Osland Hill, Postal
Commissioner, Canton, and Mrs.
Hill. The boy, whose behaviour
at the time and subsequently (he
attempted to commit suicide by
beating his head upon the ground
when arrested) indicates his hav-
ing lost his reason, seized the
scissors and made a murderous
attack on the baby. Mrs. Hill,
who got to the spot first, was in-
jured in the face by the point of
the scissors and Mr. Hill, in a
subsequent struggle, was wounded
in the leg, and had his thumb dis-
located. Members of the Hotel
staff and police officers placed the
boy under restraint until ar-
rangements were made for his
removal in custody.

HIGH POLITICS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Sept. 9.
During a lull in the proceedings
at Geneva, Mr. Chamberlain, M.
Painleve and M. Briand motored
to Aix-les-Bains where Mr. Bal-
win is spending a holiday. Mr.
Chamberlain interviewed on his
return to Geneva said that they
talked about art and crossword
puzzles, but a long inspired
message from Paris declares that
the conversation appreciably ad-
vanced the Allied agreement on
European questions, notably the
French desire to adapt the general
principles of the protocol to par-
ticular treaties like the Rhineland
Security Pact. It admits, as
regards the latter, that the nego-
tiations are dead-locked and will
remain so until Germany definite-
ly declares her position. It con-
cludes saying that future con-
versations will be either through
Diplomatic channels or at a con-
ference of Allied and German
Foreign Ministers, which will be
held at Lausanne and will turn on
the question of Germany's former
occupation of her eastern
frontiers.

the peasants such as the Goddess of
Silkweaving, the Goddess of Rice,
the Gods of Wind and Weather,
there are to be found in almost every
part of the country what might be
called propitiatory temples—shrines
that have been erected by way of
compensation to spirits of persons
who have suffered great injustice or
misfortune. In every home there
is a shrine devoted to religion. If
the family profess only the Shinto
belief, this shrine, or miyama,
(ancestor-spirit dwelling), or more
properly termed miya, a tiny model
of a regular temple, is placed upon
a shelf fixed against the wall of
some inner chamber, about six feet
from the floor. In it are placed
tablets of white wood inscribed with
the names of the household dead.
These tablets suggest a tombstone.
The plain grave-stone in Shinto
cemeteries resemble in form the
simple wooden spirit-sticks.

In almost every kitchen there is
either a tiny shrine, or a written
charm bearing the name of Kojin,
the God of the Cooking-range. In
almost every garden, on the North
side, there is a little Shinto shrine,
facing what is called the Ki-mori,
or Demon-gate, that is to say, the
direction from which, according to
the Chinese, teaching, all evils
come; and these little shrines are
dedicated to Shinto deities, are sup-
posed to protect the home from evil
spirits. Almost every deity men-
tioned has a shrine somewhere; and
hundreds of others have their
temples. Numbers of temples have
been dedicated to historical person-
ages, to the spirits of great minis-
ters, captains, rulers, scholars,
heroes, and statesmen. In fact
most of the great men of Japanese
history have had temples erected to
them.

The offerings made to the principal
deities of the shrines consist of
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tables, etc. As a rule these are
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SILVER WEDDING.

MASON — HARVEY. — At the Union Church, Hongkong, on the 10th September, 1900, by the Rev. Geo. A. Williams, Janet Ramsay Mason to David Harvey.

DEATH.

LYSON. — At Rocky Mount, 39, Conduit Road, on September 9, 1925, Cecil Hynes Lyson, aged 38 years. The cortege passes the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

Hongkong, Thursday, Sept. 10, 1925.

RUSSIA AND CANTON.

If the Colony's resolution has so far not stirred the dove coots of the British Foreign Office, it has caused some comment in Moscow. There is an irony in this, although it may be possible to find a crumb of satisfaction. Comrade Karakhan, enjoying a furlough from his questionable work directed from Peking thinks the resolution indicates "the possibility of the Canton Government's armed overthrow." Some would like it to indicate the probability of its overthrow, and more particularly of those who are so patiently watching the fate at Canton and keeping it at bay with Russian money. Just as it seems that in Canton, the Russian have found the weakest link in the chain, and it is

centrating on it to the utmost limit. The issue has been described as the furtherance of Bolshevism. It is that of course, but it is likely to be something else as well—the consolidation of Russia in China for the furtherance of her own ends—political and social—and the extension of trade. For Russia's interest in China is not of recent date. It does not begin with the gesture of renouncing concessions and sending an Ambassador to Peking. The Chinese—or some of them—have doubtless been impressed with these outward manifestations of goodwill, and with honeyed assurances of friendship and the promise of assistance against the wicked imperialism of the Powers. They forget—for it is easy to forget—that Russia's large debt due to those who ran to her succour in the early days of the war, remains unpaid—and is likely to do so—and that such nations as Britain and America either refuse to recognise her or refuse to enter into trade treaties with her, proving that there is a higher morality than that of glossing breaches of trust and faith. So far back as 1689 is there evidence of Russia's keen interest in China. The treaty of Nerchinsk of 1689 states:—

"Everything which has occurred hitherto is to be buried in eternal oblivion." And on it has gone from the aggression of Tsarist Governments, to the latest form of aggression—the lavish expenditure of money that should rightly be in other people's pockets, in subtle propaganda, and the specious lies that, unhappily, weigh so well with the hot-headedness of the crowd. It is suggested by a writer in the "Contemporary Review" that the Russian revival in the Far East is but another phase of the conflict between Russia and Japan for some sort of dominance in China. We in Hongkong are vitally concerned with Russia's activity in Canton and the damaging effect it is having not merely on foreigners, but on Chinese as well. The advocates of direct or armed intervention have had their cause considerably strengthened by the unimpeachable facts of the case. But those who have suggested that the Russian have also had

added to their contentions. We have suggested that a probable settlement lies between London and Moscow. Russian diplomacy in Canton has been skilful. It has played with fire and, so far, has not burnt its fingers. All that we know is that its influence in things Cantonese is predominant; and on this it must be assumed that if it cared to stop the activities of strike leaders and armies, it could do so. This, and other irrefutable facts, should make it possible for the Home Government to force a decision with Russia, and end an intolerable situation.

THEY SAY THAT—

Government by a third of the House of Commons on the sufferance of another third is not a system of Government which can endure.—Mr. Ponsonby, M.P.

The life of the cities to-day is no life for a woman.—Miss Clemence Dane.

All over the world the masses show themselves increasingly careless of their Parliamentary rights.—Mr. Winston Churchill.

When a man says that the country is going to the dogs we may be sure that he is on good terms with his banker.—Dean Inge.

A day will come when the only passports in the world will be found alongside of Aztec idols in our historical museums.—Mr. H. G. Wells.

Nothing an Englishman believes can be heresy.—Mr. Bernard Shaw.

There would seem to be an antagonism between democratic rule and administrative efficiency.—Professor W. W. Willoughby.

I believe it is not in the English people to master foreign languages.—Sir I. Gollancz.

The fringe is depreciated for psychological reasons.—M. de Lastryne.

Certain ethical ideals characteristic of the Labour Party commend themselves very strongly to a large number of thoughtful people who are by no means ready to subscribe to the theories of economic Socialism.—Principal L. P. Jacks.

I never read a sentence of Sir Ian Hamilton's without feeling that here is a man who fought and did his bit and came away pure, a man who took from the turmoil that strange peace which passeth understanding.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

Publicity is, for a politician, the line of least resistance.—Mr. Philip Guedalla.

Bad weather rouses our not very literary race to real force, and eloquence.—Mr. Edward Shanks.

OBITUARY.

MR. CECIL HYNES LYSON.

Deep regret has been caused by the death yesterday at his residence, Rocky Mount, Conduit Road, of Mr. Cecil Hynes Lyson, solicitor. Mr. Lyson had not been ailing for long, and the news of his decease came somewhat as a shock. Much sympathy is felt with the widow, daughter and aged parents in their bereavement.

The late Mr. Lyson was admitted as a solicitor in London about eleven years ago and upon the outbreak of war just as he was qualified, he joined up as an officer in the Army Ordnance Corps. He saw active service in France for a time but for the most part was stationed at Plymouth, England.

At the conclusion of hostilities the late Mr. Lyson came to Hongkong as partner in the firm of Lyson and Hall. He was the nephew of the late Mr. Chan Kai-ming upon whose decease he became the manager of his valuable estate and Chairman of the board of directors of the Price and Company. He had also held for some time the position of Chairman of the Cricketers' Club in the affairs of which he took a keen interest.

He was a prominent Freemason. The funeral takes place to-day at Happy Valley cemetery, the cortege passing the monument at 5.30 p.m.

FOUND WANDERING.

ESCAPED STRAITS PRISONER RE-ARRESTED.

The search for Yip Chai-sai, the deportee prisoner from Singapore, who escaped from the S.S. "Taiwa" along the Kowloon coast on Monday evening, was rewarded by the arrest of the man yesterday. He was found wandering about in the open level.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

When the "Strike" Food broke out, several good Control, patriotic Hongkong people were heard to wish they were in Devon. Devon at that time suggested peace and quiet—and three or four square meals a day. It is the question of the regularity of meals which is such a deciding factor, and of course the ability to pay for them. Perhaps some of our better-off ones would, after reading what follows, wish to be back in 1583. Our food-controller should be particularly interested in this extract from a book recently published called *Varia* and which gives copy of an order of King VIII, for one day's provision for one of the Ladies of Honour of Catherine of Aragon. It runs thus:—

We will and command you to allow daily from henceforth unto our right dear and well beloved Lady Lucy, into her chamber, the diet and fare hereafter ensuying.

1. Every morning at breakfast a sirloin of beef at our kitchen, one loaf at our pantry bar, and a gallon of ale at our buttery bar.

2. At dinner a piece of beef, a stroke of roast, and a reward at our said kitchen, and a gallon of ale at our buttery bar.

3. At afternoon a loaf of bread at our pantry bar and half a gallon of ale at our buttery bar.

4. At supper a mess of porridge, a piece of mutton and a reward at our said kitchen, a loaf of bread and a gallon of ale.

5. At after supper half a gallon of wine at our cellar bar.

6. At our chambrays bar in winter every night, one preket and 4 sizes of wax, with 8 candles and one torch.

7. At our pitcher house 6 white cups.

And at every time of our moving, one whole cart for the carriage of her stuff.

There must be a big countryman who spent his time in "sitting and thinking." When the combination became too irksome he just "settled." Here is a farmer speaking to the wife of an eminent statesman:—

Does your husband hunt?
She said "No, he doesn't hunt."
Does he shoot?
"No."
Does he fish?
"No."
Then whatever does he think of o' nights?

It is reasonable to assume that many "eminent statesmen" do not think o' nights. They just "settle." How else to explain a non-reply to that \$700 cable?

A scientist declares Pot Shots, that it is quite possible for people to live on mars. If only Kowloon ran a bus service there!

A fire broke out the other day in a Scottish bagpipe factory. An answer to prayer surely.

Hongkong's two journalists were put in chains in Canton. The irony of it!

The number of officials working in some Government offices is half.

The Hongkong Angling Club says there is Bass in the reservoirs. Yes! but why in the reservoirs? We prefer our beer neat.

A "SHOCKER."

UNDESIRABLE PUBLICITY FOR HONGKONG.

LATEST LONDON PLAY.

Hongkong has come in for a deal of unwanted publicity, not warranted in fact, as a result of the fevered outpourings of a few novelists and playwrights whose object appears to be to paint this city as a place where hectic adventure of all kind abounds. The latest such creation of the imagination is a play appearing at the Queen's Theatre, London, entitled "The Man From Hongkong."

Concerning this "shocker" the "Daily Telegraph" addresses to the author, Mrs. Clifford Mills, the following candid comment. We shall not pay her the doubtful compliment of supposing that in writing it, she aimed at anything higher than giving a shock. Unfortunately, however, her methods turned out to be too artless even for a Bank Holiday audience. The story opens in a vile Chinese restaurant in Hongkong, and soon we have one Li-Tong murdering an Englishman and hiding the "corpse" behind a screen. Then Anthony Travers, R.N., enters with a brother officer. They discover the "corpse," which comes to life for a few moments and then dies unmistakably; the two officers are then set upon by Li-Tong and his minions, but escape with the aid of an electric torch, and the curtain comes down on the first act amid loud applause.

In the second act we are in Mrs. Curadale's bungalow on the Thames, where Li-Tong, passing himself off as a rich Englishman, becomes the betrothed of the daughter of the bungalow, the fair-haired Vivien, who had previously been engaged to Travers, R.N., and jilted him on account of his having "nothing but his pay to live on." And when the gallant officer, still hopeful, reappears, Li-Tong promptly offers him a drugged cigarette and carries the maiden off to his hotel, leaving the representative of the "sun" shielded unconscious and breathing astorously in an armchair. In the third act we witness the Chinese ruffian continuing his evil work upon his fair-haired captive, kissing her, flinging her about, and generally reducing her to the very imbecility of terror; until Travers, R.N., once more steps upon the scene, this time with a "gun," and, after the usual explosions and alarms, Vivien is able to collapse in happy confidence upon his bosom, and the curtain finally descends.

The players did their best for it all, writes the critic, Mr. Hutchinson, as Travers wrestled gallantly with a part which we are bound to say no actor in the world could ever have lifted on to a plane of recognizable common sense. Mr. Rains, as the Chinese villain, scowled and dooped his voice and did everything he could think of to suggest the sinister and evil; and Miss Merril, dressed heavily in moments of suspense, and showed her teeth out in momentary gleams in the face of the hapless Travers.

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CHINA POLICY.

FAMOUS HOME WRITER'S VIEWS.

"A BIG MAN" NEEDED.

While the British public have still hardly the faintest sense of the real magnitude and obstinacy of the affair, there is no improvement of the Chinese position except upon our own ground at Hongkong, writes J. L. Garvin in the "Observer." At Shanghai our trade is hard hit. The anti-British movement is pursued by the native Press with extraordinary violence, and there is no doubt that it is encouraged and subsidised by the Peking Government. Judicial enquiry into the shootings is assured. It will be carried out by an International Board representing chiefly America, Britain, and Japan. But a Chinese judge ought to be included. What we have to get firmly into our heads is, that the old days are dead for ever in China as in India, and that new methods must be adopted. The Peking Government will only be brought back to its sober senses by a joint warning from the Treaty Powers. After that nothing but conciliation in earnest will serve. The future of British commerce in the Far East depends on this business. Force cannot save it. Even ultimate war in that quarter of the world could only complete its ruin. We shall need a big man to handle on the spot the Chinese end of our affairs.

Landlord: "Look here, I'll meet you half-way. I am ready to forget half of what you owe."
Impetuous Tenant: "Right. I'll meet you. I'll forget the other half."

Ronald Sinclair, in the part of her husband, threw a touch of real feeling into an all too short scene they had in the bungalow. But we never quite felt that the desired shock came off. During the latter half of the strenuous last act the audience seemed quite cheerful, and a "shocker" that does not terrify but only sets people smiling is, we fear, but a poor sort of shocker at the best.

"DAILY MAIL" COMMENT.

The play by no means finds favour with the critic of the "Daily Mail." "Dope, fends, traffic in drugs, a man who masquerades as a Chinese, have their parts, not 'always interesting,'" he writes, "in an odd mixture of a play, the plot of which conveys nothing in particular."

Whilst allowing that if approached in the right spirit, "The Man From Hongkong" can afford a certain amount of amusement, he qualifies this with the comment that it is regarded with a critical eye it must be condemned as "one of the most hollow of melodramas."

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THEATRE ROYAL.

"BROADCASTERS" OPENING ENTERTAINMENT.

ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME.

The entertainment provided by the "Broadcasters" at the Theatre Royal last night when they opened a short season there, was of that light and snappy kind that one looks for in miniature revues with an occasional item allowing full scope for the employment by Miss Broadhurst and Miss Lucia of voices of considerable charm.

These two versatile artistes were just as much at home in assisting in their running commentary of wit, Messrs. Crichton and Wallingford Tate, accomplished variety entertainers already known to Hongkong audiences.

Quite apart from the merit of the performance itself, a factor which is worthy of record in that it added considerably to the enjoyment of the audience was the clearness of enunciation.

The "Broadcasters" are giving entertainments to-night and on Friday and Saturday nights, with a change of programme each time. They should have crowded houses for all performances.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

SHIPOWNERS' CAPETOWN STAND.

POOLING UP SYDNEY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Capetown, Sept. 9. The Union Castle Line, on behalf of the shipowners, declined to agree to the suggested basis for settlement mentioned earlier, in view of the Maritime Board agreement.

Capetown, Sept. 9. The "Roman Star," mentioned yesterday, has sailed for England. Hostile scenes by the strikers were soon when the "Roman Star" loaded with a second cargo of 100,000 cases of citrus fruit, was leaving the docks. There were no real threats, threats and frequent cases of "blacklegging." The "Roman Star" crew put to sea under an arrangement with the fruit exchange, ensuring them their full terms.

Sydney, Sept. 9. The local shipowners have decided to pool the available man power, and the "Grama" is expected to sail shortly.

EARLIER CABLES.

Capetown, Sept. 9.

A possible basis of the settlement of the seamen's strike, which the Government has suggested without prejudice to the shipowners, provides for a post-mortem of reduction of wages for six months pending an official enquiry in Britain into the existing machinery for representation of the seamen on the Maritime Board.

Melbourne, Sept. 9. Legal processes are active in connection with the strike. Sixty-four members of the crew of the steamer "Ascendant" at Adelaide were sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment. Three hundred warrants of arrest were issued at Melbourne, and eighty-nine at Sydney from whence the liner Mongolia sailed punctually.

FISCAL POLICY.

CANADIAN ELECTIONS ISSUE.

THE RACE WITH THE U.S.

(Reuter's Service.)

Ottawa, Sept. 9. The Conservative leader, Mr. Meighen, opening the electoral campaign made fiscal policy the chief issue.

He strongly favoured protection, drawing comparisons between the multiplication of the tariff in the United States and the Premier's reduction of the Canadian tariff. Canada would have no chance whatever he said in a race with the United States, where a strong traditional protective policy was pursued, if she wavered timidly.

STEEL BOUNTY.

HELP FOR INDIAN CONCERN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Simla, Sept. 9. A Government resolution proposing the payment of a bounty to the Tata Steel Company for the eighteen months ending March 1927, subject to a maximum of sixty lakhs of rupees, was carried in the Council of State.

Criticism of this bounty system was voiced by the European members. Mr. Chaudhary, Secretary of the Government, said the bounty would help Tata to turn the corner, and if the cost of production was reduced, a profit was likely.

H. B. OLLERDESSEN.

SCORES CENTURY IN TWO DAY MATCH.

SHANGHAI CRICKET STAR.

Against the bowling of the Shanghai Cricket Club which included Dr. W. E. O'Hara, H. Rogerson, H. W. Allison, G. M. Billings and L. F. Stokes, Harry OllerdesSEN scored 117 runs out of a total of 225 last Saturday, playing for the Shanghai Recreation Club.

Outside of interport matches, perhaps the most important event in the Shanghai cricket season is the "Club v. Recs" match, played over two days.

Mr. H. B. OllerdesSEN is, of course, well known to Hongkong, having represented Shanghai here on several occasions.

"Torry" Wilson, the Shanghai fast bowler, made 23, the third highest score in the same innings.

HOME CRICKET.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

HOBBS A GOOD FIRST.

Appended are the (first-class) Home cricket averages on August 3:

	Inns.	Runs.	Avg.
Hobbs	32	2147	71.56
Hendren	31	1820	58.90
Holmes	32	1745	54.53
Hallows	32	1639	51.22
A. W. Carr	30	1584	52.80
G. T. S. Stevens	15	722	48.13
Sandham	32	1647	51.47
Rhodes	29	1141	39.35
Payton	35	914	26.11
Russell	33	1567	47.48
J. W. Hearne	30	1311	43.70
E. Tyldesley	24	1010	42.08
F. R. Woolley	30	1301	43.37
Levland	30	1242	41.40
Sutcliffe	31	1332	43.29
Alcock	32	1229	38.41
H. J. Hathorn	24	900	37.50
K. S. Duleepshahi	23	944	41.04
G. Gunn	27	1108	41.11
Robinson	24	871	36.30
Walker	31	1166	37.61
Whysall	30	1219	40.63
J. R. Barnes	28	860	30.71
Shepherd	33	1165	35.33
F. P. Perry	28	959	34.25
Watson	37	1258	33.90
Hon. F. S. G. Cuthbert	36	1257	34.92
Clayton	30	909	30.30
Smith (Warwick)	37	1222	32.94

Bowling.

	Wickets.	Avg.
Parker	158	12.37
Tate	160	13.75
Macaulay	142	14.61
E. Tyldesley	118	14.73
J. C. White	91	15.03
K. Kilner	88	16.03
Waddington	84	16.77
Freeman	102	16.80
G. M. Louder	51	16.98
Clark	47	17.17
Rout	164	17.26
Ryan	87	18.00
Durston	64	18.15
Barratt	67	18.20
Macdonald	133	19.21
Parkin	123	19.41
Y. W. C. Jupp	75	19.65
P. G. H. Fender	112	20.11
Robinson	63	20.34
Askill	71	20.45
R. J. O. Meyer	55	20.67
F. R. Woolley	52	20.75
Hipkin	68	20.82
Kennedy	86	20.93

MILITARY SPORT.

INFANTRYMEN NOVICE TOURNEY.

BOXING RESULTS.

In the Murray Barracks opening, the Surrey Regiment novices' boxing tournament was continued last night. Results follow:

Lightweights:—Pte. Ditch beat Pte. Packer but was disqualified as he was not a novice.

Pte. Butler beat Pte. Packer; Pte. Wilcox knocked out Pte. Furmedge in the first round; Pte. Alder beat Pte. Smith, Lce.-Cpl. Clarke beat Pte. Piper; Pte. Edwards w.o. from Pte. Martin (unfit).

Featherweights:—Pte. Tucker beat Pte. Everett; Pte. Goodfield beat Pte. Masters; Lce.-Cpl. Marshall beat Pte. Jordan in the extra (fourth) round, Jordan being awarded a good loser's half point; Pte. Jeffries beat Pte. Pimm in the first round; Pte. Holcombe beat Sgt. Coomber in the second round; Pte. Williams w.o. from Pte. Smith.

Bantamweights:—Lce.-Cpl. Doarles beat Pte. Wallis; Pte. Hesterman knocked out Pte. Wheeler in the third round; Pte. Foltham w.o. Pte. Morris (unfit); Lce.-Cpl. Thompson knocked out Pte. Hoolihan.

The table of points obtained now stands at:—

A. Co.	72
D. Co.	42½
C. Co.	38
R. W.	22½
B. Co.	16

TSINGTAO RACES.

MR. MCBAIN TOPS THE LIST.

SHANGHAI RIDER'S SUCCESS.

The results of the first day's races at Tsingtao final August meeting (August 31) were as follow:

First Race—The Selling Plate—one mile.

Golden Dragon (Mr. McBain) 1
Buinel (Mr. Spencer) 2
Ikoma (Mr. Sokoloff) 3

Time: 2.14. One and a half lengths.

Second Race—The Perseverance Plate—five furlongs.

Aster (Mr. Raydt) 1
Flying Blaze (Mr. McBain) 2
Bon (Mr. Kitaochi) 3

Time: 1.23 2/5. Two lengths.

Third Race—The Rubicon Plate—mile and three furlongs.

Tartar (Mr. McBain) 1
Caprice (Mr. Alperovich) 2
Koko (Mr. Spencer) 3

Time: 3.06 4/5. Short head.

Fourth Race—The White Dew Plate—seven furlongs.

Rising Sun (Mr. Needa) 1
Erindale (Mr. Schneider) 2
Brave Boy (Mr. Spencer) 3

Time: 1.16. Two lengths.

Fifth Race—The Scurry Plate—half mile.

Vestborg (Mr. Sokoloff) 1
Pegasus (Mr. Simmons) 2
Sume (Mr. Needa) 3

Time: 1.02. Three lengths.

Sixth Race—The Never Say Die Plate—three-fourths mile.

McKenzie (Mr. Sokoloff) 1
Good Boy (Mr. Spencer) 2
Sparkling Sun (Mr. Shimizu) 3

Time: 1.34 3/5. Three lengths.

Seventh Race—The Autumn Sub Challenge Plate—seven furlongs.

Electric City (Mr. McBain) 1
Otrada (Mr. Sokoloff) 2
Alpha (Mr. Schneider) 3

Time: 1.54 3/5. One length.

Eighth Race—The Determination Plate—one mile.

Omega (Mr. Collins) 1
Dazzling Sun (Mr. Shimizu) 2
Bendigo (Mr. Sokoloff) 3

Time: 2.18 2/5. A head.

Ninth Race—The Consolation Plate—once round, mafocs riding.

Caprice (Mr. Alperovich) 1
Koko (Mr. Spencer) 2
Hatsukaze (Mr. Sokoloff) 3

Time: 2.50 2/5. One length.

"BIG" LEAGUES.

LATEST BASEBALL STANDINGS.

HOW THEY STAND.

Including all games played on September 4, the standings in the U. S. major baseball leagues were:—

National League.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	80	47	.630
New York	75	58	.564
Cincinnati	69	60	.535
Brooklyn	61	64	.488
St. Louis	61	69	.462
Boston	58	72	.446
Chicago	57	74	.433
Philadelphia	55	72	.433
American League.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Washington	82	45	.646
Philadelphia	74	49	.602
Chicago	69	58	.543
St. Louis	66	60	.524
Detroit	65	60	.520
Cleveland	60	69	.465
New York	52	72	.419
Boston	36	91	.283

CHEFOO CRICKET.

INTERESTING GAME OVER TWO DAYS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Chefoo, Sept. 2. There has been only one cricket match during the month, owing to every one being so full up with picnics and other amusements. A game was to have taken place last Saturday, but unfortunately the rain poured steadily all day.

The game which commenced on August 1, and continued on August 8, was a two-innings match between mixed elevens of men and boys, captained by Messrs. Graham and Smart, respectively. After a really exciting game Mr. Graham's side won by the narrow margin of 23 runs.

In their first innings Mr. Smart's team secured a total of 180, Dr. Gibson scoring 32, Mr. Webb-People 26, and Huston Edgar 20.

Mr. Graham's side replied by making 139, of which Mr. Brian McCarthy contributed 67, and Colin Ford 21. Mr. Smart's team, in their second venture, were dismissed for the low score of 74.

Dr. Gibson making 44 of these and Mr. Webb-People 33. It looked like a fairly easy win for Mr. Graham's eleven, but seven wickets had fallen before the quarter of nine was reached, and the side was reduced to five players.

At which Mr. Brian McCarthy, who had been out for 67 runs in the first innings, came back to bat, and scored 67 runs in the second.

At the close of the match the following table shows the batting and bowling averages of the players.

ST. LEGER.

HOW SOLARIO ROMPED HOME.

PICARON 4TH, MANNA 10TH.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Sept. 9.

At Doncaster, with unsettled going and a good, large attendance, the St. Leger was run in heavy rain and bad light.



Steve Donoghue, who could only finish tenth on Mr. Henry Morris's Manna, after having won the Epsom Derby.

Foxlaw dwelt at the start. Manna made play from Picaron, Roidore, Warden of the Marches, Zombo, Spelthorne and St. Becan for three furlongs when St. Becan headed Manna, the pair being followed by Buccellas, Warminster, Solario, Picaron, Sir Kenneth and Zombo.



B. Carlake, the jockey of Zombo.

Six furlongs from home, Solario improved his position and racing clear in the straight, won in a canter.

Picaron was fourth, Sir Kenneth fifth, and Manna tenth.

Time 3 minutes, 4 2/5 seconds. Place betting was:—Evens, Solario and Zombo and 9/2 Warden of the Marches.

Earlier Cable. The result was:—Solario 1; Zombo 2; Warden of the Marches 3.



His Highness the Aga Khan who, once more, got so near and yet so far with Zombo.

Fifteen ran. Won by three lengths, three lengths between second and third.

Starting prices were:—7/2 Solario; 6/1 Zombo; 18/1 Warden of the Marches.

List of Starters.

Horse.	Jockey.
Buccellas	H. Jellins.
Foxlaw	M. Beary.
Manna	S. Donoghue.
Picaron	F. Bullock.
Pons Asinorum	T. Burns.
Roidore	T. Weston.
Spelthorne	P. Pryor.
Solario	J. Childs.
Spelthorne	Archibald.
St. Becan	C. Elliott.
Warden of the Marches	Wells.
Warminster	T. Weston.
Zombo	B. Carlake.
Hotanor	K. Robertson.
Tournesol	R. Jones.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

SOUTH CHINA BEAT INDIANS.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

In the league baseball match on the Happy Valley diamond yesterday afternoon, which owing to a late start was decided on five innings, South China beat the Indians by seven runs to two.

Line-up and score by inning were as under:—

Chinese		Indians	
Pung	1b	Khan	
Chan	p	Lewis	
June	s.s.	S. A. Ismail	
Shim	3b	Minu	
Leung	c.1	S. A. R. Ismail	
Choy	2b	Kitchell	
S. S. Lee	c	O. Ismail	
Chan	1b	Omar	
S. L. Lee	N.	Areault	
Chinese		Indians	
1-2		0-0	
3-4		0-0	
5-6		0-0	
7-8		0-0	
9-10		0-0	
11-12		0-0	
13-14		0-0	
15-16		0-0	
17-18		0-0	
19-20		0-0	
21-22		0-0	
23-24		0-0	
25-26		0-0	
27-28		0-0	
29-30		0-0	
31-32		0-0	
33-34		0-0	
35-36		0-0	
37-38		0-0	
39-40		0-0	
41-42		0-0	
43-44		0-0	
45-46		0-0	
47-48		0-0	
49-50		0-0	
51-52		0-0	
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63-64		0-0	
65-66		0-0	
67-68		0-0	
69-70		0-0	
71-72		0-0	
73-74		0-0	
75-76		0-0	
77-78		0-0	
79-80		0-0	
81-82		0-0	
83-84		0-0	

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended Tuesday, shows one (British) case of diphtheria.

The total amount of coal imported into Shanghai during the fortnight ended August 17 totalled 63,131 tons. For the same period last year the total was 70,197 tons.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday Mr. R. A. D. Forrest committed for trial at the Sessions three Chinese on a charge of armed robbery at No. 69, Caine Road, on August 16, when money and jewellery to the value of \$912 were stolen.

In spite of shipping strikes and boycotts, Chefoo filled up well with visitors for the summer months, writes our Chefoo correspondent on September 1, and now that steamers seem to be running normally again they are having no extra difficulty in getting away again.

The extension of the Star Ferry service to provide five minute departures during the rush hours and later ferries (running now until 12.30 a.m.) has proved most acceptable. The timetable which is being adhered to, has been in operation since Saturday and has proved most acceptable.

The Chefoo Summer Conference took place this year from August 18 to 24, inclusive when the Rev. J. Russell Howden, B.D., Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Southborough, and a member of the China Inland Mission London Council, gave a series of Bible Readings and Addresses. Our Chefoo correspondent writes that a large gathering of missionaries, local and visitors, and many others enjoyed a week of very interesting and helpful meetings.

During three weeks of the holidays from August 3 to the 23, inclusive, writes our Chefoo correspondent, the Children's Special Service Mission, under the direction of their special representative, Mr. Webb-Peploe, who has come to China expressly for this work, especially among the Chinese children, held a series of seashore gatherings and services, sports and competitions, for the benefit of the foreign children in Chefoo. These were largely attended, and thoroughly enjoyed by the kiddies—large and small.

By the use of a new ultra-violet light machine perfected in London the curative powers of sunlight can be administered internally. Applied in the mouth and throat, the treatment is reported to have been beneficial in cases of a number of diseases.

The Authors' Club of New York is raising money for the erection of a statue to Walt Whitman, to be placed somewhere on the island of Manhattan, which he celebrated so frequently in his poetry. It is rather remarkable that New York should have failed up to now to put up a statue to America's greatest poet.

Governor-General Leonard Wood, at a luncheon he tendered to members of the Legislature, asked their co-operation in activities beneficial to the people and gave his assurance that he would do all in his power to carry out the work in which all were interested. Manuel Quezon, President of the Senate, responded for the Legislature, promising co-operation, "in everything which would benefit the people."

The Minister of Justice has issued returns showing that 5,224 foreigners became naturalized as French citizens in the course of last year. Of these, 3,511 were men and 1,713 were women, and 40 per cent. of the men had married French wives. Workmen constitute about 43 per cent. of the total. Manufacturers and business men are 17 per cent., while clerks are 12 per cent. Agricultural workers make up over 8 per cent. of the total and members of liberal professions over 5 per cent. Italy supplies the largest number of new French citizens with 1,430. Belgium provides 503, Germany 350, Russia 276, Spain 324, Poland 142, Switzerland 114, Great Britain 36 and the United States 7. The Journal des Debats declares that the law of 1889, which made it more difficult to become a French citizen, should be revised, notably by a reduction of the fees payable by foreigners for naturalization. No obstacle whatever, it is claimed, should be put in the way of the immigrants who come to France in such large numbers and who would be prepared, if the conditions were easier, to settle upon French soil and bring up their families as French citizens. The question is one which is receiving the attention of Parliament.

"Please accept this as a little offer from a lady who is ill. Funds are needed towards the poorest. Don't wish name known." This note, written on rather common notepaper and enclosed in an envelope which contained 230 10s. in gold, was handed in at the Royal Sussex County Hospital. There was no clue to the identity of the generous donor.

An extraordinary will, in which a man left only 2s. 9d. to his wife, has just been proved. The man was Henry Millsom, a Cardiff monumental mason, whose estate has just been given at £4,976. He directed that the goodwill and stock of his business should be sold and the proceeds divided among his mother, brother and sisters.

A remarkable and most interesting collection of ancient natural scientific instruments, including the earliest-dated natural scientific instrument known, has just been opened to the public at the Old Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. The collection runs through the times of St. Paul, William the Conqueror, Columbus and Newton. The oldest dated instrument is a Persian astrolabe, of a date corresponding to 984 A.D. At one time every ship had an astrolabe and used it for measuring the altitude of the sun and stars. The most perfect marine specimen known is in the present collection and was brought up by a sand dredge from the bottom of the harbour of Vera Cruz in Mexico.

The result of an increased interest and activity in outdoor sports in Germany since the war is manifesting itself in a greater demand for fresh air in public conveyances. Formerly the windows of the street cars and underground trains were opened only on exceedingly hot days and then only one or two were let down in each car. Most of the time the trams and trains resembled veritable hothouses. The population of Berlin, therefore, was much surprised and the sport-loving persons among them greatly gratified to find whole rows of windows opened in the subway and in the street cars a few days ago. Their astonishment reached its height when no one complained and no requests were made to the conductor or guard to close the windows, as surely would have been the case a couple of years ago.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. Arthur Woo arrived in the Colony yesterday by the "President Grant."

Reuter cables the death of the Earl of Portsmouth. The seventh Earl of Portsmouth was born on December 27, 1859. He was at one time private Secretary to the Governor of Tasmania. His heir, the Hon. Oliver Henry Wallop, succeeds to the title.

Reuter cables that M. Karahan is expected to say in Russia three months. Representatives of the Chinese and Japanese embassies and members of the Japanese concession delegation, met him on arrival in Moscow. The Russian airmen who participated in the Moscow-Peking flight arrived by the same train.

Mr. Pegler, manager of Messrs. Whiteway, Laidlaw and Company, Ltd., is leaving Bangkok at the end of September to take over charge of the firm's branch at Taipeing, F.M.S., says the Siam Observer. He has been in Bangkok only a few months, but during that time both he and Mrs. Pegler have been down with typhoid fever and we understand the change is being made for health reasons. Mr. Greiders, of the Soerabaya (Java) branch, is to succeed Mr. Pegler in Bangkok, and is expected to arrive on the 20th of this month.

It is seldom that a Chinaman proves successful in English sport. The young son of the Countess Tyong Oei-ting-tan, whose husband is attached to the Chinese Legation, is proving, however, a splendid cricketer at Eton. George Hirst thinks the world of him. He has done well, too, at Rugby football. They say that in a year or two this young Chinaman will join "Middlesex," which seems to include half the world in its connexes. An Indian has played for it, West Indians, Australians, even a Persian. It is a standing joke that "if you want to qualify for Middlesex, all you have to do is to buy a glass of bitter at Charing Cross Station."

Miss Galina Kopernak, at one time in a Shanghai cabaret is now with the world-famous Ziegfeld Follies in New York, where she enacts the titular role in the current theatrical success, "Aloma of the South Seas."

The Rev. W. J. Leverett of Hainan, is in a critical condition at Mt. Vernon, and the Rev. A. H. Birkel of Hunan, is recovering from injuries following an accident in which their motor-car was struck by a passenger train at Canterbury, O. Both men are Presbyterian ministers and had attended the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. at Columbus.

On his 73rd birthday, on August 4, Mr. Charles Coburn, the well-known comedian, started from South London Sports Club, Brixton, to walk to Glasgow, which he hopes to reach about September 23. At the end of each day's walk of about 14 or 15 miles he will give a performance at a cinema or music hall. After reaching Glasgow Mr. Coburn will leave for Canada, where he will "tour"—on foot—for several months.

At the Shepherd's Bush Pavilion, the Duke and Duchess of York saw the new film, "Britain's Birthright," which showed for the first time the Empire tour of H.M.S. "Hood," H.M.S. "Repulse," and four light cruisers of the Delhi class, which took place in 1923-1924. The loyalty and enthusiasm with which the Squadron was welcomed all over the Empire, and even in the non-British port of Honolulu, are clearly illustrated. The film also shows some of the lighter side of life in a big battle-cruiser, including the ceremony of "crossing the line." Before leaving, the Duke and Duchess of York were shown a film of themselves arriving at the Pavilion, taken only ninety minutes before being projected on to the screen. The matinee was in aid of Earl Haig's British Legion Fund.

The Maharajah of Dharmapur, with his two daughters, two secretaries and physician, have arrived in Shanghai.

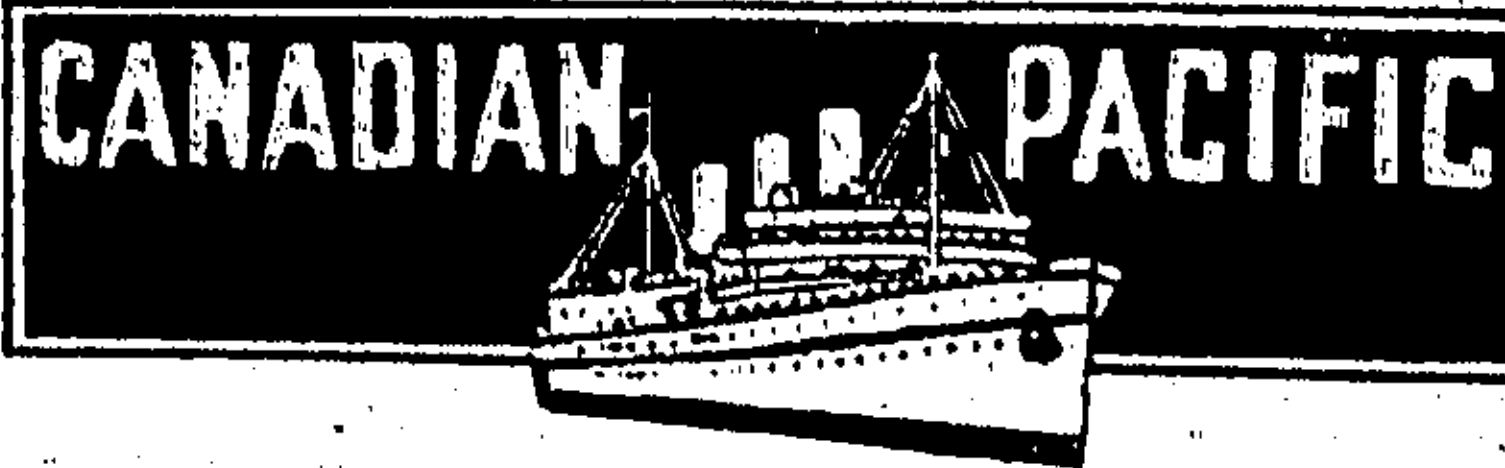
Joan Conquest, the writer, has been asked by the Chinese to write a Chinese love story, "excluding the foreign element." She is staying in Peking studying Chinese life.

A walking-stick of exceptional thickness to match Oxford trousers, with a knob at the end which might serve for a policeman's truncheon, is the latest fad of the modern flashily dressed young man.

A farewell wireless message to the Governor-General of South Africa, the Earl of Athlone, from the Prince of Wales on the high Atlantic, concluded with the words, "I was very sad at leaving you all, and I can only say 'Au Revoir!'"

Anthony Asquith has broken the family tradition. In the Oxford "Greats" he has obtained only a Second. His distinguished father, and his half-brothers, Raymond and Cyril, all passed in Class I. On the other hand, G. P. Stewart-Macpherson, nephew of Ian, the ex-Irish Secretary, and Rugby captain of Oxford and Scotland, obtained a First. He is the first Oxford captain so to distinguish himself since Ronny Poulton fourteen or fifteen years ago.

Mentally as well as physically, Lord Balfour remains a remarkable man. It is 51 years since he entered Parliament, and he gives the impression that he could take his place on the Front Bench tomorrow and hold his own. But even in his case Anno Domini is relentless. His voice is strong and resonant, but he has a little deafness, and he no longer plays golf. He finds the effort of going a full round, a little trying, and so devotes himself to tennis, and reduces its strenuousness by playing only in doubles.



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DUCHESSE OF WESTMINSTER

Announcement that the Duke of Westminster had decided not to contest the divorce suit brought against him by the duchess, brought relief to English society folk, who had feared another scandal might be heard.

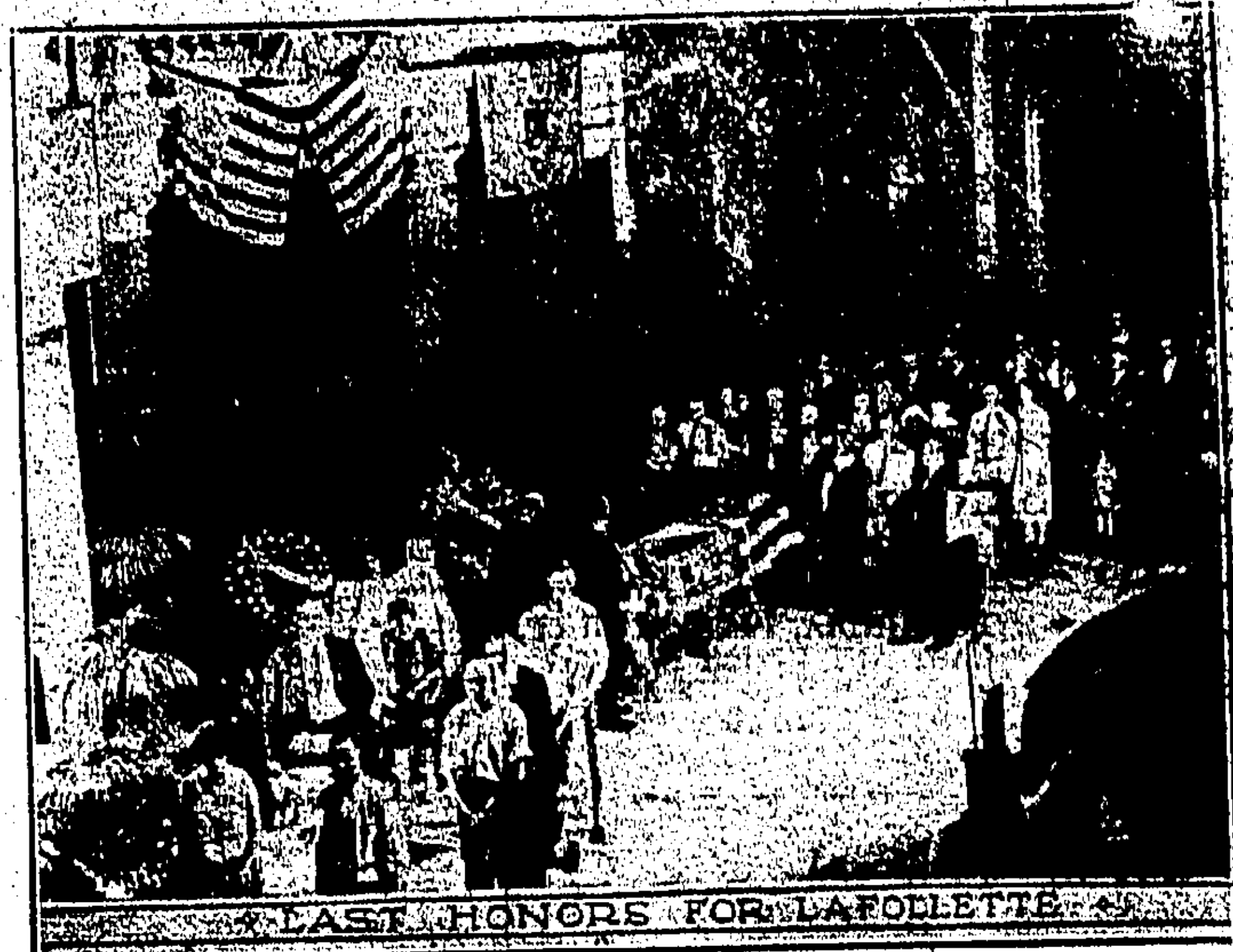


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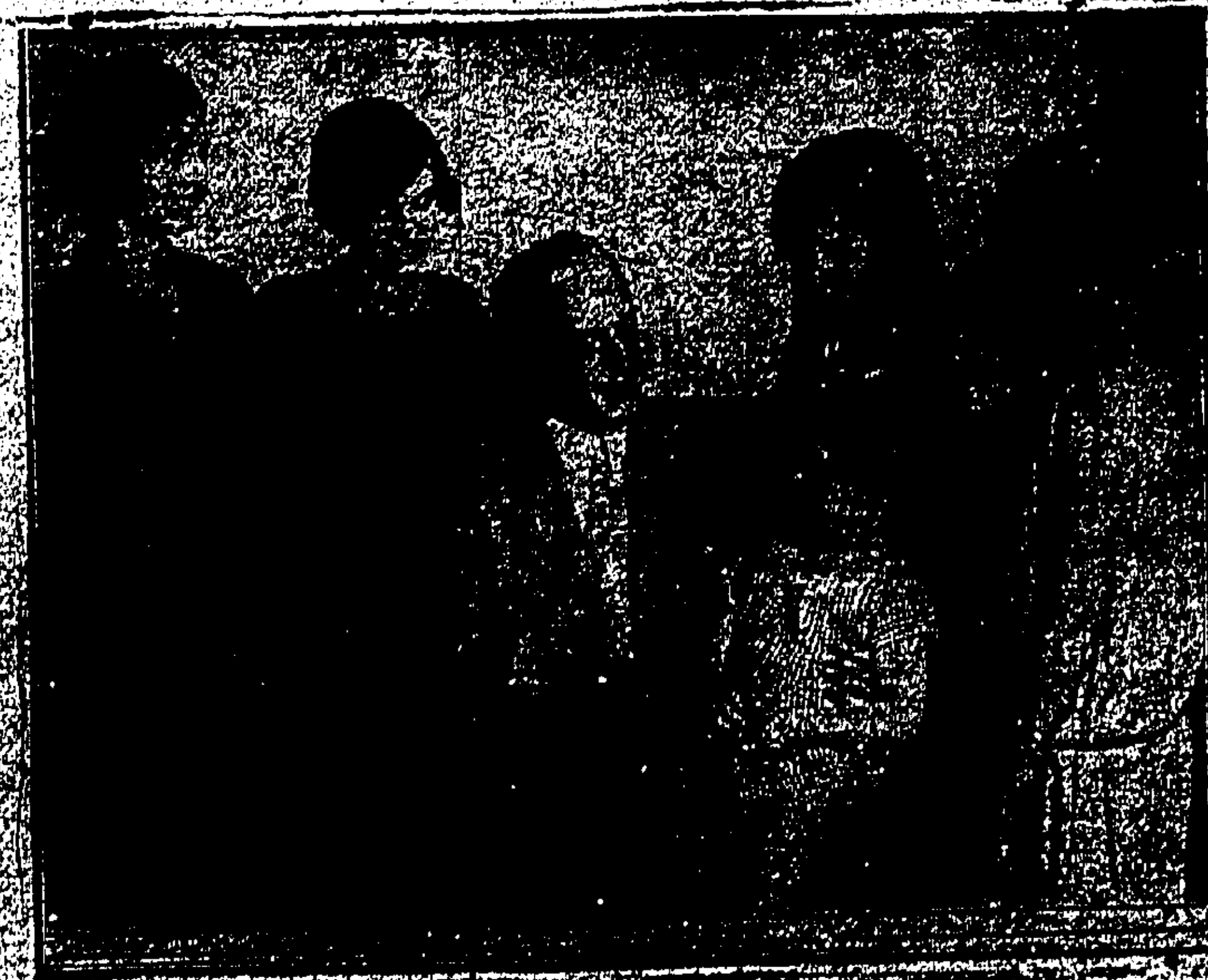
That Miss Ellen Mackay, the daughter of the well-known actress, had just been appointed to the position of headmistress of the well-known school, was a great surprise to her friends.

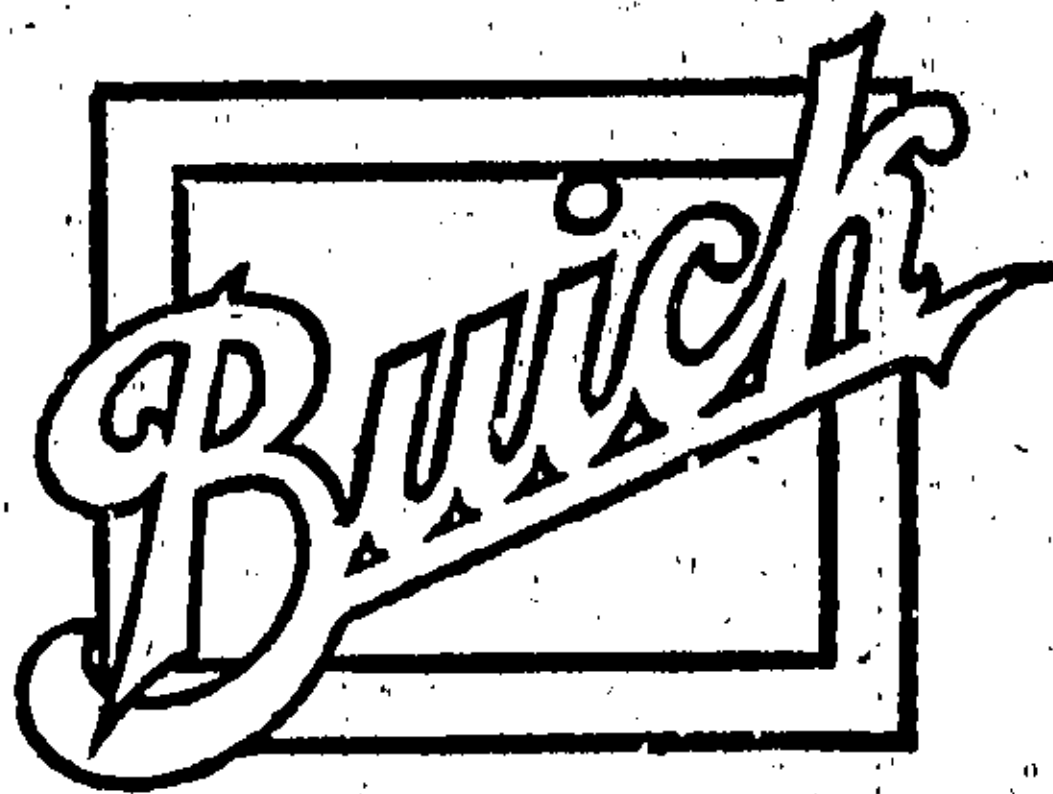


Here is a view of the casket of the late Senator Robert M. LaFollette, together with the throngs which gathered in the Capitol at Madison, to pay last respects to the militant political leader.



Mrs. Edith N. Rogers, widow of the late Congressman John Jacob Rogers, is shown receiving word of her election to succeed her husband.





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ODDS AND ENDS

The Treasures We Are Given.

The nation has just come into possession of Clissbury Ring, a beauty spot and ancient camp in Sussex, Bodiam Castle in Sussex and Tattershall Castle in Lincolnshire, says a writer in a Glasgow paper. The possession of the first is largely due to the raising of a fund by a London newspaper; the two castles come to us through the will of the late Marquis Curzon. Bodiam Castle is one of the finest and best preserved moated buildings in the kingdom, and has played its part in the history of the country, although this has not been a great one. Tattershall is more modern, and so far as I know it is the only real castle which is built of bricks. But it is without any history save as a residence, and only dates from the fifteenth century.

Familiar Quotations.

Of great interest is the dispute started by Sir Edmund Gosse as to which of our poets are most freely quoted. The general view seems to be (observes a "Daily Chronicle" writer) that they run in this order—Shakespeare, Milton, Pope. But this is certainly to reckon without Tennyson, whose peculiar grace was the making of phrases that cling to the memory to leap to the tongue. Of these "Jewels," five words long, that—sparkle for ever, as he calls them, his poetry is a veritable treasure mine. We are always drawing from it, often unconsciously, and even those who deny him a place in the greatest company recognise how vastly he has enriched our stock of household words.

Lost Infallibilities.

Church history is full of great duel between the Catholic and the Protestant elements in Christianity. Both are religions of authority; Catholicism essentially so, Protestantism, we may say, as a war-measure. Against the infallible Church Luther had to set up the infallible Book. The infallibilities are gone—both of them (says Dean Inge in the "Morning Post"). Christianity would be in a bad case if it had nothing older, stronger, more living to fall back upon than these partially discredited authorities. My contention is that we have a third tradition, stretching right back to the New Testament and the Gospel itself: a tradition which has filled comparatively little space in history and controversy, being unpolitical and unpoetical, but which is destined to live when both Catholicism and Protestantism shall have decayed or passed into other forms. I should prefer to call this the Christianity of the Spirit; but we might also call it, from different points of view, the Johannine, or the Platonic, or the Alexandrian, or the Mystical, or the Renaissance tradition. It has taken different shapes, but has always been true to type. We find it in the New Testament, and it is very much alive to-day.

Assassin's Thyroid Gland.

A few months ago two Lille surgeons, Dr. René Lefort and Dr. Jean Picquet, performed a daring operation on a young girl who, for a long time, had been in an abnormally feeble state both mentally and physical, reports the "Daily Telegraph's" Paris correspondent. They grafted on to the patient the thyroid gland of a man, and the results were immediately beneficial. Recognising, however, that such results are too often merely temporary, and knowing that foreign glands are not easily assimilated into the system, the doctors decided to postpone their public announcement on the subject. The improvement in the patient has continued, and the surgeons now feel justified in declaring the success of the operation. The interesting fact is that the man whose gland was thus utilised was the leader of a band of robbers and assassins who was convicted of murder and executed at Lille in April. The gland was, indeed, removed within a few minutes of his execution, and grafted on to the young girl. The extraordinary rise that has taken place in her intelligence would appear to be a great tribute to the mentality of the notorious criminal, and it is this particular aspect of the case that is furnishing psycho-analytical experts with abundant material for disconcerting discussion. Is it, after all, credible, they are asking, that the children of darkness are wiser in their generation than the children of the light?

Hymns to Jazz Music.

Hymns set to jazz dance music will be broadcast from New York radio station, despite the protests of the Methodists' Council, whose members characterised the plan as an insult to Christian people. Ernest Golden, the orchestra leader, who is responsible for the experiment, declares that he does not intend any mockery, and does not see why people should not dance to hymnal music, as they did in the days of ancient Greece. Church music, in Golden's opinion, is altogether too deadening and sends people to sleep, but when he syncopates such hymns as "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "Onward, Christian Soldiers," he will merely be expressing religious sentiment in a modern way.

Wife Hires an Assassin.

The Chicago police report a case in which a wife paid \$50 to have her husband murdered and hired an assassin, who subtlety the job for \$40. Mrs. Louise Noble, the woman in the case, admitted engaging the assassin, and justified her husband's death on the ground that he had abused her daughter by a former marriage. The daughter corroborated the story. James Salina confessed that he acted as "middleman," and thought he should go free because "the job was done by Andrew Cappa." The latter admitted shooting, and said he had not benefited because his wife stole the \$40 and eloped. Mrs. Cappa, who was arrested later, exclaimed indignantly, "What's forty pounds?"



The engagement of Miss Pauline E. Stanbury, of London, to N. B. Woolworth, son of the famous "Ave and Ten-cent King," was recently announced by the parents of the girl.

Submarine Upheaval.

Naval circles are considerably exercised by a report made by Lieut. Cornet, commanding the transport L'Orient, and forwarded to the Ministry of Marine, dealing with a submarine upheaval in the Bay of Gascony. The ship was going from Oran to Rochefort when, 100 miles from shore, off the bay, an enormous wave was noticed to be breaking against the vessel. Depths, which on the map were shown to be of about 4,100 metres, were at once sounded, and to the astonishment of those on board, no more than about 40 metres were registered. Soundings were continued for some distance, and this sounding was exceeded by no more than about 20 metres. By way of corroboration, sand was dug up from comparatively shallow depths, confirming first impressions that a submarine upheaval had taken place.

Increase in Crime.

A striking comparison of prison statistics in "wet" England and "dry" America is made in a statement issued by the United States Department of Commerce, showing that, whereas England has closed nearly one-third of its jails since 1914 for lack of inmates, the United States experiences difficulty in finding enough cells to accommodate its law breakers. English criminal statistics, compiled by Alfred Nutting, of the American Consulate-General staff in London, show that twenty prisons were closed in England and Wales in the last eleven years. Mr. Nutting attributes the empty jails and decline in prison population from 167,000 ten years ago to about 53,000 to-day to wise prison regulations, the use of a probationary measure for adults and Borstal institutions for young people. The comparison with America's record is left to the Department of Commerce at Washington, which shows, by contrast, that since 1913 the prison population in the three Government prisons of Atlanta, Leavenworth, and McNeil Island increased from 2,800 to 7,170 to-day. The estimated arrests for all causes in the last "wet" year, 1913, in 200 representative cities of this country was 1,700,000, and in 1923 they had increased to 2,400,000.

East Is East.

There are many distinguished Oriental visitors to London just now who have brought their wives with them, says a "Glasgow Herald" writer. But while the men make haste to get into conventional Western clothes, and to don inconspicuous lounge suits or smart morning coats, the ladies are left to go about in their beautiful and picturesque native costumes. It is not surprising that this has excited some comment. The other evening one Peepers, who is noted for her daring and outspokenness, was bold enough smilingly to chide her Eastern guest on his ungallantry in this matter. She pointed out that men are all alike—self-centred; for while the lady must attract attention and the idle gaze of street boys wherever she goes, the happy man escapes by getting into orthodox Western garb. The potentate enjoyed the reprimand, but did not promise amendment. Still, there is much to be said for her argument. Our streets would lose some lovely touches of colour just now if the ladies adopted our modes, and yet, if one may put on Western clothes, why not both? The answer is that the word "obey" is somewhat emphasised in Oriental marriage pacts.

No Truants Now.

"There are no 'truant schools' in London now, because there are no truants," Mr. W. G. Rushbrooke stated the other day at a school prizegiving. It is quite true. Truancy has ceased to exist, largely, it was explained at the London Education offices, because school is now a pleasant place and children no longer fear school. There is also the fullest co-operation between the school authorities and the parents, and the problem now is, not how to drive children to school, but how to find sufficient education opportunities to satisfy them and their parents. With the discontinuance of the truant school the duties of the three hundred school attendance officers appointed by the City Council have undergone a change. Formerly the whole time of these officers was occupied with enforcing the attendance of children at school; to-day their duties are mainly concerned with looking after the children's welfare, acting as liaison officer between the school and the home, and seeing that every child has a school place. Whilst, however, there are no longer truants in the old sense there is still a certain class of boisterous and irregular boys and girls to whom the name is applied for which a special discipline is necessary. These truants are sent to industrial schools.

The Sargasso Sea.

Old legends stand little chance in this scientific age, observes a London paper. But many simple folk will be sorry to hear that an American man of science, Professor Beebe, has disposed of the familiar myth of the Sargasso Sea. Ever since Columbus in September 1492, first sailed into those mysterious weed-covered waters, east of the Bahamas, the popular imagination has invested the Sargasso Sea with strange terrors. Many a story of adventure has described how ships became entangled in the dense masses of algae and there remained till the unhappy sailors perished of thirst. Sea monsters of vast proportions were reputed to haunt the banks of weed and to attack ships that happened to come near. As most landmen know the difficulty of rowing or swimming in a river full of water-weeds, and as few sailors have ever visited the Sargasso Sea, which lies off the ordinary tracks of commerce, the legend seemed plausible and grew stronger with time. But Professor Beebe, having sailed into this dreaded sea, assures us that its dangers have been grossly exaggerated. Like the experts in the Michael Sars expedition some years before the war, Professor Beebe found that the floating banks of weed are not continuous but scattered. We must no longer think of an expanse of miles of nothing but a tangled morass. It is, in fact, an archipelago through which any ship could pass. Indeed, as Columbus's three little caravels, ranging from 100 tons to 40 tons in burden, had no difficulty in sailing through the Sargasso Sea, the legend should, strictly speaking, never have been credited. We do not suppose that it will now become a popular goal of winter cruises, for weed-infested waters are never pleasant. But the name of Sargasso is now stripped of its old associations of horror. The eminent writer must seek other sources for their brochures and cashmere.

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